poses of eligibility for Government accommodation, House Building Advance, Motor Car Allowance, Leave Travel Concession, Travelling Allowance and other service matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per orders issued by the Ministry of Finance, the Non-Practising Allowance will be treated as 'Pay' for all service matters. In other words, the Non-Practising Allowance will be taken into account for computing D.A., entitlement of TA/DA and other allowances as well as for calculation of retirement benefits.

(b) The decision to treat NPA as basic pay for service matters as hitherto has been referred to the other Departments in the Government of India for issuing clarificatory orders, wherever applicable in respect of eligibility for Government accommodation, House Building Advance, Motor Car Allowance and Leave Travel Concession.

Rail accidents

*210. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rail accidents and persons killed/injured during the last six months throughout the country;

(b) what is the amount of compensation paid to the injured/legal heirs of the deceased; and

(c) what is the number of pending claims in respect of deaths in rail accidents and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the period February to July, 1988, 298 consequential train accidents took place on the Indian Railways. In these accidents, 142 persons lost their lives and 395 sustained injuries.

(b) and (c) 142 claims in respect of the deceased are pending. Compensation claims in respect of the deceased and the injured are awaiting the decisions of the Claims Commissioners. However, ex gratia payments of Rs. 13,52,700/- were made during this period.

Radio therapy Units in Medical Colleges and Hospitals

*211. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medical colleges/hospitals in the country have acquired radio therapy units; if so, what are the names of those colleges/institutions and the broad nature of equipment installed by each of them; and

(b) what are the names of other colleges/institutions which are likely to set up such units, by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The information about the Colleges/Institutions having radiotherapy units and the nature of equipment installed by them is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 74]

(b) According to the information available with the Government of India, 100 institutions including Medical Colleges have already got the Cobalt Therapy Units. Under the National Cancer Control Programme the Government of India gives financial assistance to institutions to set up cobalt therapy facilities. It is proposed to cover all the recognised

Government medical colleges in the country to set up cobalt therapy facilities in a phased manner.

Abolition of octroi by States

*212. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which have by now abolished the octroi and of those which have not;

(b) whether central guidelines have been issued in this regard to streamline the procedure for collection of municipal dues on vehicles; and

(c) whether Government propose to call a meeting of the State Ministers to sort out the difficulties and adopt a pragmatic policy of Octroi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Octroi is not levied in—

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep.

The Octroi is levied in—

Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat, Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Daman & Diu and Pondicherry.

(b) and (c) The subject matter octroi falls within the purview of States/UT Administrations. The Central Government has repeatedly impressed upon the State Governments/Union Territories to abolish Octroi. The TDC in its meetings has also urged States Govts. to take early action and suggested, for their consideration, alternative source of income like surcharge on sales tax to finance local bodies. In February 1988, a special meeting was also taken with the Lt. Governor/representatives of Administrations. The State Transport Ministers in the ensuing annual meeting of the TDC would be again discussing the matter.

इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति को मान्यता

*213. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति को मान्यता देने का प्रश्न सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (**कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे**) (क) और (ख) इलेक्ट्रोपैथी/इलेक्ट्रो-होम्योपैथी को मान्यता प्रदान करने के लिए कई व्यक्तियों, संघों आदि से अनुरोध प्राप्त हुए हैं। स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय ने एक उप-समिति गठित करने का निर्णय लिया है जो इलेक्ट्रोपैथी/इलेक्ट्रो-होम्योपैथी की एक वैध वैज्ञानिक चिकित्सा पद्धति के रूप में जांच करेगी। उप-समिति की सिफारिशों के आधार पर मंत्रालय द्वारा आगे की कार्रवाई करने पर विचार किया जाएगा। इलेक्ट्रोपैथी को उपचार की एक पद्धति के रूप में मान्यता प्रदान करने के बारे में अभी कुछ नहीं कहा जा सकता।

इन्दौर में विमानों के रात में उतरने संबंधी सुविधाएं

*214. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इन्दौर में विमानों के रात में उतरने संबंधी